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Tiverton Fire Department

Date: 5 February 2007

To: Local Media

From: Robert Lloyd, Chief of Department

Re: Ice Safety

There have been many calls reference to the relative safety of local ice. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management maintains an Ice Safety Hotline to check conditions of ice safety on ponds. The number for this call is 401-222-2632.

The drop in local temperatures presents this department with numerous requests to check local ice conditions and the safety for public skating. The Town of Tiverton does not check or determine the safety of local ice conditions. Persons should be aware that because of rapidly changing temperatures and the possibility of subsurface natural springs the safety of local ice can change quickly. The instability of the local ice conditions means that the Town of Tiverton can not determine ice safety. Persons wishing to skate on local ponds assume the risk and responsibility for the safety of the conditions at that time.

